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Appl. No. : 09/830,048 Confirmation No.: 9436
Applicant : Koichiro NAKATANI Art Unit: 3671
Filed : April 19, 2001 Examiner: Gary S. HARTMANN
Title : TELESCOPING DEVICE AND TRIPOD

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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In response to the Office Action of June 11, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.